

AGENDA



Thursday, November 20, 2008

Fire
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Item No. 20

Subject: Approve an ordinance establishing classifications and positions in the classified service of the Fire Department, eliminating and creating the number of positions in certain ranks, establishing pay rates, repealing Ordinance No. 20081002-004 relating to Fire Department classifications and positions and declaring an emergency.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Jim Evans, Acting Fire Chief 974-0132.

Prior Council Action: Classification Ordinance No. 20081002-004 adopted by Council on October 2, 2008.

This item relates to the elimination of an assistant chief position that is vacant due to a retirement and the creation of one additional firefighter position. The additional firefighter position will maintain the authorized strength of the classified service thereby protecting and enhancing public safety. AFD may request additional funding to increase the number of assistant chief positions after a new fire chief is appointed. This will allow the new fire chief an opportunity to determine the appropriate size of his or her management team and will allow him or her to personally appoint a member of the management team. This action does not increase the overall authorized strength of the Department.

Additionally, this ordinance will maintain firefighter pay rates at current levels until a new collective bargaining agreement is ratified. This ordinance replaces Ordinance No. 20081002-004, which is repealed.

The following civil service classifications of the Fire Department, and the number of positions in each classification, are as follows:

Assistant Chief	3
Division Chief	5
Battalion Chief	31
Captain	69
Lieutenant	177
Fire Specialist	196
Firefighter	598